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London-African - 2030 hours

According to official reports, Japan intends to occupy bases in Indo-China. Mobilization was ordered in Japan and reservists have been called up. The Japanese Navy has been ordered not to leave Japanese waters. In the naval port of Kobe, brisk activity prevails.

SPECIAL SERVICE SEEHAUS

London - Dutch - 2045 hours

The Japanese Ambassador in England, SHIGEMITSU, who is on his way to Tokyo, is reported to have been ordered to speed up his voyage. In rumors he was named as the successor of MATSUOKA. Should these rumors come true, it would be too good to be true.

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New York - WRCA-RCE (French) 2200 hours

A British dispatch from Moscow asserts, that the Japanese Government has filed a protest with the Soviet Government because of the laying of mines in the neighborhood of Japanese waters.

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Telegram  
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Tokyo, 20 July 1941 1.50 hours  
Arrival, 20 July 1941 2.00 hours

No. 1296 of 19 July

Most urgent!

Today I took leave of MATSUOKA who invited me to his private home. MATSUOKA made a tired, though sprightly impression and told me that in view of the great tension with the HIRANUIA group he had certainly considered a crisis; he had, however, been surprised by the time of its coming to a head. End of last week he had carried his point in the Cabinet's steering committee re the Japanese counter proposal to the American reply. Regarding the handling of the Indo-China actions the Cabinet had likewise agreed with his views. Unfortunately he had been prevented by illness to fight the intrigues of his opponents at the right time, notably as far as the Emperor was concerned. He asked me to inform the German Foreign Minister, with whom he felt himself to be connected by friendly ties, that no important change could take place in Japanese policy. The Indo-China action was well under way, nor was an agreement with the United States of America, even if attempted, possible without sacrificing the most vital Japanese interests in China. For this neither the people was ready, on which he could rely for support of his policy, nor the Army. As to the new Foreign Minister, MATSUOKA commented that one could evaluate him in a positive sense although he was not very experienced. Besides he thought that his resignation would be limited in time. He hoped to be back after about two months. At present, for tactical reasons, he would not start an open fight, instead he would withdraw to his home, carefully watching the situation. He was convinced that time would work in his favor. MATSUOKA also asked me to inform the German Foreign Minister that he should by all means hold back Ambassador OSHIMA from his intentions to resign. A fortnight ago OSHIMA had handed in his resignation, clinging to his resolution despite his request to be patient. He had also left open when he would carry out his intention. He (MATSUOKA) considered such a resignation to be a great mistake. The present situation could change quickly, and after a necessarily long voyage home, OSHIMA would perhaps come to the conclusion here that the reasons for the resignation are no longer valid. I promised MATSUOKA to transmit his information to the German Foreign Minister.

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